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The foregoing documents came to Applicant's attention during a search of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Documents A2, A3 and A6 were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed January 25, 2002. Therefore, no additional copies are being provided.

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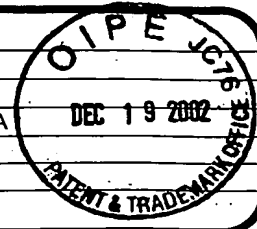
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